

Culpeper Minutes

YOUR Information Source for What's Going On in Culpeper!



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Culpeper Air Fest October 8, 2011 10 am to 4 pm

A Message from the Board of Supervisors



Photo courtesy Alan Wohlleben

Dear Citizens:

We hope that the summer has been a good one for you. In County news, the redistricting effort that we described in the last newsletter was officially accepted by the Department of Justice, and it will be effective for the elections this November. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact the County Registrar's Office. There are many local elections this year—Board of Supervisors, School Board, and a referendum regarding Culpeper County High School renovations, so please go out to vote and make sure your voice is heard this election day.

The new Fiscal Year 2012 Budget took effect on July 1st. As has been the case for several years now, many difficult decisions had to be made, but the Board was able to hold down the tax rate to a figure below the equalization rate. The County staff has worked hard to keep costs down, to be efficient, and to be innovative. A mandated water supply plan was recently completed jointly between the Town and County, and it was done entirely "in-house" with County staff. The ability to complete this plan without any outside consulting services saved tens of thousands of dollars when compared to many nearby localities. We will continue to strive to spend every single tax dollar wisely

We welcome any comments or suggestions you may have on any subject. Please feel free to contact any Board or staff member anytime. We encourage you to explore our County web site at web.culpepercounty.gov. You will find a plethora of information there, and each Department has its own page. So if you're willing to spend some time and explore the site, I think you will learn a lot about your local government. Our best to all of you.

For the Board,

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Tom Underwood

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NOTICE—OUTDOOR PUBLIC EVENT PERMITS

Are you an individual, business, or a community organization that is planning an outdoor festival open to the public? Or, do you hold an annual outdoor event?

Just recently, the Board approved changes to Chapter 3, Amusements, Article II, Outdoor Musical or Entertainment Festivals and Article III. License for Carnivals, Animal Shows, etc. within the Culpeper County Code and these changes may require you to obtain a permit.

Please contact the County Administrator's Office at 540-727-3427 to discuss the County's permitting requirements, or you can download the permit information from the Board of Supervisors web page at www.culpepercounty.gov.

Culpeper County Board of Supervisors

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The Board meets
the 1st Tuesday of each month
10 a.m. General County Business
7 p.m. Public Forum
Planning Business
Public Hearings

Agendas and Minutes
Are available at:
www.culpepercounty.gov

Video coverage on Channel 10

Congressman Eric Cantor 7th District of Virginia 112th Congress Majority Leader

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, many people are worried about the economy and how we are going to improve the outlook for our families, and especially our kids and grandkids.

Far too many of our neighbors and friends are still out of work. Most people know someone who has lost their job or is struggling to make ends meet. There's a lot of

concern about food prices at the grocery store as well as gas prices at the pump, which have taken a heavy toll on families and businesses trying to meet their budgets and pay their bills.

When I meet with entrepreneurs and small business owners in Culpeper and throughout the Commonwealth, these are the issues that are foremost on their minds. It's time to give our businessmen and women what they need to succeed. Our priority in Congress must be to make sure that people out of work can find a job and that our economy begins to grow.

Congressional Veterans Commendation

My office is currently seeking nominations for exceptional veterans for the 2011 Congressional Veterans Commendation award. This year's awardees will be honored at a ceremony at the Virginia War Memorial in Richmond.

The Congressional Veterans Commendation was created to honor distinguished veterans of the Seventh Congressional District of Virginia. I am happy to say that one of the seven awardees from last year is from right here in Culpeper. Congratulations again to Major William C. Chase, Jr.

The application deadline for 2011 CVC nominations is **September 2, 2011**. For more information on the Congressional Veterans Commendation please visit http://cantor.house.gov/cvc.htm.

Congressional Art Contest

The Seventh District Congressional Art Contest that was held in May was a great success. We had artwork entries from constituents all across the district.

At the Congressional Art Contest Reception, I was able to award the first, second and third place winners, as well as those who received honorable mentions. I am pleased to announce that Jackie St. Clair of Highland High School received an honorable mention. Congratulations to Jackie for her hard work.

This year's Congressional Art Contest was a diverse display of the exceptional artistic talent here in Virginia. Thank you to all from Culpeper who participated.

As always, please feel free to visit my website <u>Cantor.house.gov</u> for news and updates, or call my Culpeper office at (540) 825-8960.

Board of Supervisors—Boards and Committees-An Invitation

The Board of Supervisors has committees which make recommendations to the Board on issues in a variety of areas. If you would like to serve on a board or committee, we would like to hear from you.

Please call the Administrative Office at 540-727-3427 for an application or visit our website at www.culpepercounty.gov The website describes each committee, lists current openings and offers printable application forms.



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This newspaper is a quarterly publication of the Board of Supervisors to inform the citizens of Culpeper County of services available to them. Over 20,000 copies are distributed. It is archived on the County website. Email comments and suggestions to: dhoffman@culpepercounty.gov



Culpeper County Library

"Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation." Walter Cronkite



What's this?

It is a QR code or Quick Response Code. In this case it is the Culpeper County Library's QR Code. It works with the camera in a smartphone or another smart mobile device. You use your camera QR code app to capture the image and then it will release the stored information, such as a webpage. To load a QR code app try one of the links below

- Bee Tagg:www.beetagg.com
- Kaywa Reader: reader.kaywa.com
- ZXing Reader: code.google.com/p/zxing
- gettag.mobi

Volunteers Needed

During the tough economic times are you looking for ways to give back to your community?

The Library is looking for dedicated individuals to volunteer in the following areas:

- Straightening shelves, and displaying books.
- Circulation Desk Dedicated to a set schedule of 3

 4 hours per week; Must be 18yrs. of age or older;
 Customer service experience preferred; Training provided.
- Previous Library or Teaching Experience call for available opportunities.

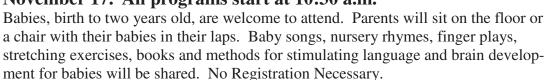
If interested, please call Kathy Clevenger, Circulation/Volunteer Coordinator at 540-825-8691.

Programs for Youth - All programs are free of charge Children's Programs

Itsy Bitsy Baby Storytime

3rd Thursdays of the month: September 15, October 20,





This program was paid for through private donations.

Bedtime Storytime is a family event where children are encouraged to wear their pajamas, slippers and bring their favorite stuffed animal. There will be stories, songs, rhymes and activities.

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. beginning September 13. No Storytime on November 8, December 20 or December 27.

Walk In Storytime is a family event where children attend with an adult caregiver. This is a great

opportunity for grandparents to have some special time with the grandchildren! There will be stories, songs, rhymes and activities.

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Fridays at 10:30 a.m. beginning on September 16.

No Storytime on November 11' November 25, December 23 or December 30

FREE-- PUT YOUR CIVIL WAR DOCUMENTS ON THE WEB-- FREE



The Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission and the Library of Virginia are partnering in the Civil War 150 Legacy Project to identify and locate original source materials in Virginia that are related to the Civil War and emancipation. Materials may include letters, memoirs, pension materials, military passes, discharge papers, diaries, hand-drawn maps, and selected memorabilia and other Civil War era manuscripts. Of particular

interest to the project are global and pacifist perspectives and the view-points of individual African Americans and women. Items must be owned by the individual presenting the materials for digitization.

The <u>Library of Virginia</u> is sending teams of archivists to scan privately-held manuscript material for inclusion on both the Library of Virginia and the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission websites. Our team will be at the Culpeper County Library in the Meeting Room, Saturday, August 27 from 9:00 – 4:00 to scan and return your privately-held materials.

For more information about this important project please check the website http://www.virginiacivilwar.org/legacy/ Please call the Library's Circulation Desk at 540-825-8691 to schedule your timeslot for scanning.

For Library Program Information, call 825-8691



Culpeper County Library (continued)

Tuesday Morning Registered Storytimes



Pre-School Storytime

Ages 3-5 Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. Children participate on their own in this program. Caregivers remain in the Library during the program, but get to browse our books! Books, songs, puppets, finger plays, and flannel board stories make this a great time for all!

Toddler Storytime Ages 2-3

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.

Caregivers participate with their children in a small group setting. Stories, songs, finger plays, rhymes, and more!

1st Session: September 13-October 18
Registration Begins September 6

Must Register IN PERSON at the Library.

2nd Session: November 1-December 13

Registration Begins October 25

Halloween Storytimes & Trick or Treating

Tuesday, October 25 at 6:30 p.m. & Friday, October 28 at 10:30 a.m.

We are having special **Halloween Storytimes** in place of our regular walk-in programs. Children and caregivers are encouraged to come in costume.

Little ones will trick-or-treat in the Library after the program is over.





Christmas Storytimes

Tuesday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m. and Friday, December 16 at 10:30 a.m. Catch the holiday spirit with Christmas themed songs, stories, crafts and special guests, Santa and Mrs. Claus.



Our Computer Volunteer is changing his hours to better suit your needs. Mac is available for one-on-one help to answer individual questions about Macintosh or Microsoft prod-

ucts. He will now be available on Tuesdays from 10-2, in September, and in October he will start evening hours from 3 to 5. **Please sign up at the Circulation Desk.**

READ TO THE DOGS AT THE LIBRARY!

2nd Saturdays of the month from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

September 10, October 8, November 12

Don't bring your own dog—we have specially trained therapy dogs coming to visit! Therapy dogs are trained to "listen." Dogs don't correct or criticize! This program is intended to encourage children to practice reading without the pressure of getting all the words right. Sessions are free, and there is no registration. A signed permission slip is required before children may participate in the program.





Listen to DIAL-A-STORY @ 540-825-0555 to hear a GREAT story! The stories change every week and feature some seasonal selections.



Read along with TUMBLEBOOKS @ www.cclva.org on your computer at home or in the library. Click on "TumbleBooks™ for stories in English and other languages, puzzles and games.

LearningExpressLibrary

LearnATest, powered by LearningExpress Library, can help you prepare not only for a wide variety of standardized tests, like the SAT, GED and ASVAB, but also help you sharpen resume writing skills. Our module also gives you access to over 100 e-books in PDF format. Many question and answer units are geared toward specific grades and can be used by both public and homeschool students to sharpen their skills. LearnATest requires a quick, free registration. Once you register, you can save your tests and modules to complete at a later time. Completed tests will be scored so that you can assess where you need to focus.

Teen Events Add CCLVA on Facebook and Check out the "Teens" page on the Library website: www.cclva.org for event updates, homework help, book lists, teen writing, and more!



Teen Time-Gaming Ages 12-18 3rd Saturdays of the month 9/17, 10/15, 11/19

Starts at 1 pm. REGISTER IN ADVANCE

Program sponsored by the Scott Fisher Foundation and supported by Culpeper Teen Empowerment Coalition.

<u>X-Box 360 and Kinnect!</u> We will have Kinnect games and you can bring rated Teen games from home. <u>Battle Star Galactica "Board Game"</u> Ultimate battle in space with "Cylons" vs. the humans. Which are you? <u>Wits and Wagers</u> Bet on who comes closest to having the right answer to trivia! <u>Portrayal</u> Hilarious adventure in drawing—stick figures okay! Other party and board games available. **Snacks served!**

Teen Meeting AGES 12-18 Thursday, October 6th 6-8p.m.

Teens, please come to decide on what programs we should hold in the future at the Library. Bring your ideas. Snacks served.

REGISTER IN ADVANCE More programs to be announced.

For Library Program Information, call 825-8691



Culpeper County Library (continued)

Friends

It is never too late to join the Friends and help support the Library. Membership Year – January thru December. Membership Types:

Individual \$5.00 Institutional \$25.00 Family \$10.00 Benefactor \$50.00

*The Friends of the Culpeper County Library is a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to supporting the Library. Money raised by the "Friends" is used to sponsor programs and cultural opportunities that would otherwise go unfunded.

- \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00 is spent annually in support of Library programs which include:
- Summer Reading Program for children and teens
- Speaker programs for the community
- Storytellers for adults and children
- Book Page monthly book review offered free of charge to patrons
- Support of National Library Week
- Library supplies such as puzzles, bookmarks, stickers, Ellison Machine dies, and giveaways for children

*Funds are raised through various activities that also benefit the community.

- Used Book Store and Used Book Corner operated at the Library
- Annual Pansy Sale
- Sale of commemorative leaves on Giving Tree located in Meeting Room
- Author events

*Other activities

- Sponsorship of Third Thursday book discussion groups
- Distribution of Lonesome Pine books-by-mail catalogs

*The "Friends" are in need of members who are interested in working to support the Library. If you are interested in being a Friend" or have questions, please contact Barbara Weber at 540-547-4128.

$Friends\ Bag\ Book\ Sale\ {\tt Vist\ the\ Friends\ Bookstore\ in}$

the back of the Library during the week of September 19 – September 24 for the Friends BAG Book Sale. On Saturday the book store will have special



hours from 10 - 4:30. Buy a grocery-sized paper bag for \$5.00 or a Friends of the Library canvas cloth bag for \$8.00 and fill it with your favorite titles. There will be something for everyone, including both adult and children's fiction and non-fiction items. We invite you to this book sale. Looking forward to seeing you there!

And, again this year we will have books that are so like new that you will be able to give them as Christmas gifts or treat yourself. These specially priced books will be available starting Monday, November 28.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

will meet in the Library Conference Room on **September 15** and **October 20** at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Book titles for these dates can be found in the Library newsletter or the bookmarks located at the Circulation Desk.

TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN OUR BOOK CLUB, READ WONDERFUL BOOKS AND THEN PARTICIPATE IN OUR DISCUSSIONS.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK STORE HOURS:

check Library Website for change in hours Monday – Thursday: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.; 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Friday: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Saturday: 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Stop in and check out our selection of books! Have some time in your schedule? Volunteering just 2 hours per month helps with the extended hours of the Bookstore. If you are interested in volunteering for the Bookstore, and helping the Friends help the Library, please call Kathy Clevenger at 825-8691 or e-mail her at kclevenger@cclva.org

The Friends of the Library Bookstore is a great place to find a wide selection of books, from the latest fiction to the old classics, and from biographies to science, with a lot in between. Our regular prices range from free for a small number of items to a few dollars for the really new books and collectors' items. Large sturdy book bags are available at the Circulation Desk for only \$8.00.

The volunteers of the Friends of the Library Book Store thank you for your support.

What does your Facebook profile say about you? Thursday, September 15,

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Facebook has become one of the most popular ways to get to know new friends and reconnect with old ones. Have you ever regretted something you've posted? How do you share about yourself, your family, your travels and still be safe? What does your profile *really* say about you? Join me at the Culpeper County Library Meeting Room on Thurs-



day, September 15 at 2:00 p.m. as we explore these topics and more and *still* have fun posting.

Jan Wilkerson is the Social Media Coordinator for the Culpeper County Chamber of Commerce.

For Library Program Information, call 825-8691



Culpeper County Library (continued)

Back for a second year! Ride for the Library

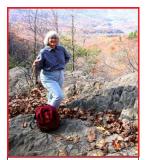
On September 17 the Friends of the Culpeper County Library will sponsor the 2nd Annual Ride for the Library Poker Run. Rain date is Saturday, September 24. All proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Culpeper County Library in helping to provide services that



have been affected by budget cuts. Cost will be \$20.00 per hand; play as many hands as you wish. The person with the best and worst poker hand at the end of the run will win cash prizes. All motorcycle enthusiasts and their friends are welcome to join us at the Culpeper County Library from 8:30am – 10:30am to start the ride. There will be four stops on a wonderful northern ride through scenic back country roads. The Run will end at Buffalo Wild Wings in Culpeper. At the end of the run, buy up to four extra cards for \$3.00 each to improve your hand. There will also be Raffle Tickets sold for prizes at the end of the ride. Look for information at the Culpeper County Library or call Kathy Clevenger at 540-825-8691. Join us for a fun-filled day with friends.

Help us celebrate Shenandoah's 75th

Join the Friends on **Saturday, September 24 at 11:00 a.m.** in the Library's Meeting Room to hear author, Carolyn Reeder talk about her books on Shenandoah National Park, in honor of the park's 75th Anniversary. Her books Shenandoah Heritage: The Story of the People Before the Park; Shenandoah Secret: The Story of the Park's Hidden Past; and Shenandoah Vestiges: What the Mountain People Left Behind are available in the Library to read ahead of time, or to purchase the day of the program.



Carolyn Reeder, Hiking in Shenandoah National Park

The Friends are trying something new this year – join us for Dutch Treat LUNCH WITH THE AUTHOR at 1:00 at Foti's Restaurant in downtown Culpeper. This will allow you to chat and ask Carolyn a few questions in a more relaxed atmosphere. Might we suggest that you finish off a great day out by shopping in Culpeper's historic downtown. Please register at the Circulation Desk for the Foti's luncheon so we can arrange to sit together.

CULPEPER HEALTHFEST '11

November 5 at Culpeper County Library Sponsored by Healthy Culpeper.

Healthfest is the annual health festival that **Culpeper**. It includes health screenings and provides information which will improve the health of our citizens. Come for free bone density scans, blood glucose screenings, massages, and much, much more! Join us from 10 a.m. to 1p.m. We will post more screenings and offerings as we firm-up our plans.

History in photos: Clark B. Hall, historian, will offer a presenta-

tion on "Civil War Photographs in Culpeper County, 1861-1865."



Mr. Hall will emphasize Culpeper's prominent role as the most photographed Virginia county during the Civil War, and he will exhibit many never-published wartime images. Several fascinating "before and after" photographs will be shown that juxtapose wartime images alongside contemporary perspectives. Mr. Hall has the largest private collection of Culpeper Civil War photographs in the country, and he is pleased to share these

rare images with local citizens. Join us in the Meeting Room on **Saturday, November 12** at 11:00 a.m. for this exciting program.



E-Books are Here!

E-books and audio downloads are available 24/7 from your Library's website. Check out this great service. The Library also has an audio download station available in the Library to help patrons who have slow internet speeds. Books are available for

a one week or two week loan period. Some audio books may be burned to CD. E-books are being made available via the Overdrive Media Platform, which requires the download of free software and registering

for a free authentication account with Adobe. E-books require the download of Adobe digital Editions, authorized with an Adobe ID, which will serve as a file manager for checked out books. Downloading audiobooks requires the Overdrive Media Console which is authenticated using your library card number. Users with smart phones or tablet devices will be able to download books and audio directly to the device by using the Overdrive Media Console App available for Android, iOS and Blackberry platforms. Exciting news! Later this year the Kindle format will be available through Overdrive.

If you have any questions or need help we will try our best to accommodate you. If you have suggestions for us to purchase, please let us know. We appreciate your suggestions.

Coming September 20 & 21 from 10 to 6 pm Don't Miss This!



Gateway to Knowledge—the Library of Congress comes to US!

This rolling exhibit is designed to introduce YOU to the treasures collected and displayed at the Library of Congress. You don't have to travel to Washington. You can check it out at our Library and then follow your interests to Washington for further exploration. Special programs for teachers and students, as well as the curious and interested—see more: http://www.youtube.com/MRAmobiletours#p/a/u/1/fp9KafvkCMQ and at www:loc.gov.gateway The exhibit will be parked on the road beside the Library. It expands with trailer popouts on either side. Both stairs and handicapped access are provided. Two docents will be available. See what LOC has for YOU!

Economic Development

Helping Small Business

WOULD YOU LIKE TO START A SMALL BUSINESS?
DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS?
WE CAN HELP.

CULPEPER FOSTERS SMALL BUSINESSES AND HAS A VERY IMPRESSIVE NUMBER OF RIBBON CUTTINGS EVEN THROUGH DIFFICULT ECONOMIC TIMES.

Assistance is available to anyone interested in beginning a small business for the first time or improving or expanding a small business. The **Small Business Development Center** (SBDC) offers free and confidential service, and training options are available at low cost.

SBDC core programs include small business seminars, business counseling, operations audits, mystery shopper program, mentoring, and focus groups. The Center will help people seeking business bank loans, SBA guarantee loans, and state loans through Virginia Small Business Financing Authority and with all types of business registration and tax forms.

Services include:

- Strategic planning
- Business plan review
- Financial analysis
- Licenses and taxes
- Marketing
- Site Location Analysis
- Review of good practices
- Financial planning and budgeting
- Business loan assistance
- Personnel assistance
- Production planning and control
- SWAM and Eva certification

We also offer assistance in the following:

- Business start-up
- Financial management
- QuickBooks software
- Business operation analysis and review
- Federal, state and local licensing or registration requirements when starting a new business

VIRGINIA Small Business Development Centers



The Small Business Development Center at Culpeper is located within the Culpeper County Department of Economic Development Office Suite, at 233 East Davis Street. SBDC Culpeper is funded in part by the U.S. Small Business Administration and Culpeper County and is hosted by Lord Fairfax Community College.

If you have a question about small business CONTACT: David C. Reardon,

Business Counselor Email: dreardon@lfsbdc.org The SBDC at Culpeper | 233 East Davis St., Suite 300 Culpeper, VA 22701 PHONE: 540-727-0638 WWW.lfsbdc.org

CULPEPER LITERACY COUNCIL

Culpeper Literacy Council is pleased to have 11 GED Graduates for the 2010-2011 school year. The GED Graduation ceremony was held on Wednesday, August 17th, 2011 at 7pm at the Culpeper Middle School. Congratulations to our graduates!

Culpeper Literacy Council provides GED instruction at the CLC office on Tuesdays and Thursdays and at the Culpeper Adult Detention Center throughout the week. If you or someone you know is interested in our GED program, please contact us at (540) 825.5804.



GED Instructor, Luba Horodyskyj, teaches algebra to adult learners at CLC. "Miss Luba" (as her students call her) is an asset to the CLC program and has been a dedicated teacher for over 20 years.

Culpeper Literacy Council provides free classes for adult students who wish to learn English as a second language, obtain a GED and/or improve basic reading and writing skills. One-on-one tutoring is also available.

For more information about our programs and classes or to become a volunteer tutor, please contact us at:

Culpeper Literacy Council 415 South Main Street, Suite 204 Culpeper, VA 22701 540.825.5804 www.culpeperliteracy.org







CLASSES FOR ALLAGES August to October 2011

Windmore is your community arts center! Our mission is to support the visual, literary, and performing arts through awareness, participation, and education. We provide opportunities to local artists and writers as well as arts scholarships and programs like Art in the Park for the community. Please visit www.windmorefoundation.org, e-mail info@windmorefoundation.org, or call 540-547-

Windmore is partially supported by Northern Piedmont Community Foundation, Virginia Commission for the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts. We also rely on the support of the community through memberships. Help Windmore bring the arts home by joining today! Visit our website to download an application or call or e-mail us for more information.

StageWorks Culpeper

Dinner Theater, "Bring It To the Table," hosted by Hazel River Inn, with wine tasting from Rappahannock Cellars vintage wines. Two plays by David Ives and two scenes from a play by Christopher Durang will be presented. Information about date and time will be on Windmore's Webpage and Facebook page.

ACT UP: Acting Workshop for Kids (ages 6-14)

Saturdays, Sept 24 and Oct 1,8,15, 22 &29 From 11-12:30 am (6 classes)

Beginning and Beyond. Classes will cover stage technique, scene study, cold reading, and auditioning. Teacher: Kathleen August

\$20 per class or \$120 for session Windmore members. \$25 per class or \$150 for session for nonmembers. Call Windmore office for more information: *540-547-4333*.

Birthday Parties at Windmore Art Center!

Host a creative birthday party for your child at the Windmore Art Center! Party themes and art projects will be tailored to your child's interests for a special and unique event. Call 540-547-4333 or e-mail info@windmorefoundation.org to learn more!

Dance Classes begin Sept 12, 2011 through June 29, 2012

Ages 3-5: Mondays from 4 to 5PM Creative movement

Ages 3-4: Wednesday 4 to 5 PM Ballet/Tap I

Ages 4 to 5: Friday 4 to 5 PM Ballet/Tap II

Ages 5 to 8

Monday 5:15 to 6:15 PM

Ballet I

Wednesday 5:15 to 6:15 PM

Friday 5:15 to 6:15 PM Beginning Hip-Hop/Jazz

Ages 9 to 12

Mondays 6:30 to 7:30 PM

Ballet II and III

Wednesdays 6:30 to 7:30 PM

Tap II and III

Fridays 6:30 to 7:30 PM

Intermediate Hip-Hop/Jazz

Ages 12 and Up

Mondays 7:45 to 8:45 PM

Ballet III

Wednesdays 7:45 to 8:45 PM

Tap III

Fridays 7:45 to 8:45 PM

Hip-Hop/Jazz

Cost: One class per week, \$60/mo for members, \$75/mo for nonmembers.

Two classes per week, \$110/mo for members, \$125/mo for nonmembers.

Three classes per week, \$150/mo for members,

\$165/mo for nonmembers.

Teacher: Leanna Tyler

Call Windmore office for more information: 540-547-4333.

GET ART: Watercolor Workshop

Fall dates to be announced (3 classes)

Incorporating demos addressing the elements that make watercolor unique and challenging, the class will build slowly from simple to complex topics including value, control of medium, color mixing and composition. Students will apply classic watercolor techniques as they paint from still life and photographs. All levels are welcome. Some previous painting experience is suggested.

Call Windmore office: 540-547-4333 for a list of supplies needed by students.

Teacher: Mary B. Allen \$95 for all three classes.

GET THE WRITE WORDS

Creative writing for Teens (ages 13 to 17) Wednesdays: Sept 27 & Oct 6, 13 and 20 5:30 to 7:00 PM

(4 sessions)

Students will be taught the development of the creative process. This class is designed to encourage beginners and improve the technique for experienced writers. Classes will present information about Websites for writers. Instructors will share information about journaling, publishing and agent inquiries. Supplies needed: a notebook and pen.

Instructors: Donna Christiano, Jean Young and Fran

\$15 per class or \$60 per session for Windmore members. \$20 per class or \$80 for nonmembers. Minimum 5 students, Maximum 10 students. For information call: 540-547-4333.

Creative writing for adults (18 and older) Thursdays: Sept. 29 & Oct 6, 13 and 20 6:00 to 8:00PM.

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GET ART classes make the arts fun for all ages! All classes will be tailored to be appropriate for each student's age, interests, and abilities Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult. Classes are held at the Windmore Art Center, 209 N. Commerce Street, Culpeper, VA. Registration forms are available at www.windmorefoundation.org Space is limited. Please register early! No refunds for missed classes or cancelled registrations.





Kids Making News



Main Office 1401 Old Fredericksburg Rd. Culpeper, Virginia 22701 Phone 540-829-2124

Kid Central has programs at all Culpeper County Elementary Schools throughout the school year. Check us out!

A.G Richardson Elementary 540-825-0616 Ext. 3786

Emerald Hill Elementary 540-937-7361 Ext. 3945

Farmington Elementary 540-717-5246

Pearl Sample Elementary 540-829-2185

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Yowell Elementary 540-825-9484 Ext. 2640

Childcare Funding Assistance: 540-727-1055 Ext. 415



This summer Kid Central sponsored two rookie racers in the Culpeper Soap Box Derby held on June 25th. Here Mason Hackley rolls down Blue Ridge Avenue. (Photo By: Tim Carlson)

Rolling Into Fall

This fall please consider choosing Kid Central to serve your child's after school needs.

Looking for high quality afterschool care? The 2011-12 school year is now underway.

We had a great time this summer with our talent show, trips, swimming, bowling, skating and play-

ing sports.

This summer's Kid Central Summer Camp provided nearly 200 children a week with recreation



Christon Simmons and Mason prep for the big race. (Photo By: Marshall Conner)

Fall registration begins August 15th.

For more information contact us at 829-2124.

We've been serving Culpeper's childcare needs since 1990.

We look forward to seeing you after school.

Learn more about all our activities over the next few months including crafts, organized sports teams and special events!

For more information visit kidcentralculpeperva.com



USDA Summer Food Program a Success

This summer the USDA Summer Food Program in Culpeper fed nearly 400 children breakfast and lunch daily throughout the summer at no cost to families

The USDA summer program would like to thank:

Culpeper Human Services

Town of Culpeper Head Start

Kid Central



Thanks for an Exciting Summer Camp 2011!

Kid Central Summer Camp provided summer fun for nearly 200 children a week from June through August.

This summer Kid Central traveled to Kings Dominion, saw a Nationals game, visited the National Museum of the United States Marine Corps, Splashdown Water Park, Funland and Riverside Dinner Theater.

The campers also held a televised talent show and an end of summer pig roast.

Thank you to all our team leaders, campers, parents, Yowell Elementary School and support staff for a great summer!

Aging Together—Making Connections- A New Program

Few of us are truly independent. In the course of any given day we interact with others and depend on others for a variety of help. Even those who prefer more solitary pursuits in general, seek out connections with others on occasion. Imagine however, being at home as a caregiver for a person who is unable to make a personal connection with you due to Alzheimer's or dementia. The isolation felt by family caregivers can be paralyzing.

Family members provide the majority of care for people with Alzheimer's and related dementia. A familiar theme for them is "What can we do at home all day?" Often the prevalent symptoms of the disease are decreased interest in activity and reduced communication, despite a caregiver's best attempts to make connections.

Aging Together and the Rappahannock Rapidan Community Services Board are excited that a new program of the Alzheimer's Association of Central and Western Virginia is available in this area. Funded by the Administration on Aging, *Connections* provides family caregivers with a way to interact with their family members in meaningful ways based on the individual's previous interests and strengths. The result is a stronger connection between these family members, less stress for the caregiver, and increased social opportunities for the person receiving care.

Virginia was allowed to submit only one grant on behalf of the Commonwealth and chose this project as its representative. *Connections* was one of ten grants selected from fifty applications across the nation. Over two years it will assist 250 families of people with Alzheimer's or dementia. It will also bring the resources of the Alzheimer's Association, based in Charlottesville, into our area, focusing solely on Culpeper, Fauquier,

Madison, Orange and Rappahannock. Part of what impressed the Administration on Aging about the *Connections* proposal was the positive connection and partnership among the organizations involved in implementing this project. It will be a significant undertaking to identify 250 families, bring staff into their homes regularly over 6-week sessions, and help them re-connect with each other.

Connections is exactly what Aging Together is all about. Evidence of the success of partnership connections is evident through its work and throughout Culpeper. Healthy Culpeper unites the county's community service organizations and has been replicated in surrounding counties. The Culpeper Chamber of Commerce connection linking the Non-Profit and Small Business Councils will result in the first of its kind Building Better Business Boot Camp next month. The Foothills

Area Mobility system, a coalition of organizations focused on enhancing transportation access for older adults, people with disabilities and low-income families, launched a transportation option connecting the region with Charlottesville medical services in November of last year. Throughout this winter the connection of churches has been keeping homeless families warm through their shelter program.

People connecting, people working together, people helping each other are what make Culpeper a strong community aging together.

Aging Together is a community partnership taking action now to improve quality of life for the growing population of older adults. Join our local team meeting the 1st Thursday of every month at 9:00 a.m. at Culpeper Human Services. For more information contact Kathi Walker at 829-6405 or kwalker@agingtogether.org. Visit our website: www.agingtogether.org



Crime Victim's Witness Program Mark Nowacki presents Dale Durrer, Assistant Commonwealth Attorney, With Victim's Advocacy Award

Mark Nowacki, Director of Culpeper's Victim/
Witness Program, congratulates Assistant Commonwealth Attorney, Dale Durrer, for receiving the 2011
Victim's Advocacy Award! Dale has been a prosecutor in Culpeper for 9 years and also serves as a Special Assistant United States Attorney with the United States Attorney's Office in the western district of Virginia. Dale is an adjunct professor and teaches at Germanna and Lord Fairfax colleges as well as American University's Washington College of Law. Dale was recognized at the annual luncheon commemorating National Crime Victims Rights Week for his outstanding work, service and care for victims of crime.

Pictured Left to Right are; Senator Ed Houck, Mark Nowacki, Dale Durrer, Commonwealth's Attorney Gary Close, and John J. "Butch" Davies.

Germanna Community College Opportunities for YOU Today

This is both a challenging and exciting time for Germanna Community College (GCC). Community colleges have never played such an important role. Affordability and flexibility during tough times, combined with soaring costs at four-year colleges and universities, have made Germanna and other community colleges critical to turning our local and national economies around.

People in our area need jobs. To get them, they must be trained for careers in science, engineering, technology and health care that didn't exist a few years ago.

To help prepare local people to compete for good jobs in growing fields and help prime the pump of the County's economy, the college has expanded course offerings at its Daniel Technology Center in Culpeper.

A year at Germanna costs about one-third as much as a year at a typical four-year college or university. Students who earn their two-year associate's degree at GCC, then take advantage of the college's guaranteed transfer agreement, can save as much as tens of thousands of dollars on their way to a bachelor's degree.

GCC's Center for Workforce & Community Education offers a wide range of courses, seminars, workshops, consulting and training services. The Center works directly with businesses to assess their needs. It quickly and affordably prepares stu-

dents for jobs in the real world. The Center offers everything from basic computer literacy skills to high-end network certification preparation and from phlebotomy technician to CDL, A+ and Net+ CADD technician and Electrician Apprentice training.

- Germanna's associate's degree program in engineering works with the University of Virginia program to make four-year diplomas in that field more affordable..
- GCC's well-regarded nursing and Allied Health program recently doubled the number of students it's preparing to fill our area's growing need for health care professionals. The college's highly regarded nursing program is based at the nearby Locust Grove Campus, featuring a Virtual Hospital where students learn from award-winning faculty members and cutting-edge simulators that mimic human illnesses and responses to treatment.
- Students may earn bachelor's and master's degrees through TELETECHNET, a partnership between Germanna and Old Dominion University that features online "distance" learning as well as classes at the Fredericksburg Campus..
- Dual Enrollment allows high school students to save time and money by earning college credit at their own schools. One student earned her associate's degree and walked at GCC's commencement this May before graduating from her high school in June. She will be a junior at Virginia Tech this fall.

For more information go to: www.germanna.edu



Germanna offers a variety of summer camps for younger students. Here, 8th graders learn about the DaVinci robotic operating machine that does precise surgery on patients.

Germanna offers students entering college from high school a chance to mature and determine what their interests are before leaving home.

And it offers "non-traditional," older students greater accessibility through flexible class schedules, online "distance" learning and affordability that allow them to earn degrees and certifications while working and raising a family.

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October 6 & 8, 2011
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December 8 & 10, 2011
You need to register 10 days
before the test date.

Call 829-9914 for more information on registering for GED and Continuing Education programs. English as a Second Language (ESOL) classes are held throughout our region. Call 829-9914 for information on the most convenient class for you.

Come with us to China! April 2012

Jim Charapich, Culpeper Chamber of Commerce

What is on your bucket list? You may remember the movie

with Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman. They decided to follow their dreams and began checking off adventures on their bucket list.. Have you thought a trip to China an impossible dream? Perhaps we can make that dream a reality.

The Culpeper Chamber of Commerce in coordination with Battlefield Travel, Carefree Cruise and Travel, and Citslinc International, Inc are offering an opportunity to travel to China for a 9 day all inclusive trip to several major cities. The trip includes stops such as the Great Wall (I do not recommend trying to ride a motorcycle on it...), the Forbidden City, the famous Tiananmen Square, and much more. Visit major cities such as Beijing, Shanghai, Hangzhou, and Suzhou for an unfor-

gettable China experience. The sights, sounds, and feel of China are waiting for you.

We hear that China is one of our largest global partners. We also hear that China is one of our largest competitors. Which is true? According to a presentation by the American Embassy during my trip this past March – China is the #1 market for vehicles at over \$110 billion. China is #1 in internet users at 457 million. They also have 303 million mobile online service users. China consumes 40% of the world's coal, 50% of the cement, 33% of the steel, and 43% of the iron ore, illustrating why China is the world's 2nd largest economy. China is the US' #1 export market at \$91 billion. Today, 5% of China's population is considered "middle class". By 2020 this is expected to grow to 45%. Our economies are more closely connected than you might think. Travel the

cities and countryside and see for yourself what all of the BUZZ is about.

Join us on **Thursday September 1**st at 5:30 PM at Germanna for a presentation "Explore China – It is closer than you think". I will be accompanied by Janet Driggers of Carefree Cruise and Travel and Cheryl Clear of Battlefield Travel to help you with questions about travel arrangements. The owner of Citislinc International, Inc. will be there to explain the package offered through hundreds of U.S. Chambers of Commerce.

We will introduce you to an opportunity to go to China in April of 2012. This trip is an amazing value, open to all. We encourage anyone interested to join us for our "Explore China" meetings. For more information visit CulpeperChamber.com, call Carefree Cruise & Travel @ 540 547-4500 or Battlefield Travel @ 540 825-1393. What is on your bucket list?

A Mother's Perspective on Bullying

It is my hope that the title of this article speaks volumes. No matter how many conversations we have about bullying in our schools or how many plans we make to insure we are making every effort to address the problem, it never seems to be enough

when I think about this issue with a mother's heart. I believe the only thing more painful than being left out, picked on, or physically threatened is the pain of watching your child go through the experience. I write this article not because I have the answer, but to illustrate that with rare exception, we are all touched by this malignancy.

Culpeper County Public Schools launched a division initiative last year to confront bullying head on. The 10 Schools, 1 Commitment...No Bullying on Our Turf campaign was implemented in a variety of ways in all schools. The goal was to raise awareness of the impact of bullying, give students a voice, and research effective strategies for addressing the problem. We have never professed that bullying is not a problem in our schools. We are not naive. We never claimed to be able to cure the epidemic, but we wanted to establish a means to educate staff and support students.

I have four daughters who have been victims of bullying, both on a small scale and on a major, education-impacting scale. There have also been times when I have witnessed some "mean girls" behavior on their part. As a mom and educator, I struggled with how to handle the situations. I knew that most of their teach-

ers were aware of student behaviors and did not sanction unkind acts. I also realized that our fruitless efforts to address the problem consumed our entire family. I have only rarely felt a physical pain as sharp as watching one of my children deal with being left out or made fun of. The worst case for one of my daughters resulted in a school change. This was such a tough decision because the school really was doing all the right things. My daughter had a "safe place" to go when she became upset, ,and all of her teachers were sensitive to the anxiety she was dealing with. Changing schools halfway through her junior year was a desperate attempt to keep her in school. I know she would have dropped out if we had not agreed to the move. The change of school was made harder because it also meant she left the division where I was a member of the senior

While I would never wish a bullying experience on anyone, there is often a strength that comes from these encounters. Another daughter's experiences in high school led her to a degree in psychology with much of her research work conducted in the area of cyberbullying. One of the studies she and her professor conducted found that over sixty-five percent of college students surveyed reported being bullied either through social networks or on their college campuses. It doesn't stop with high school graduation. This daughter had one of her senior year tormenters, a former best friend, as a bridesmaid in her recent wedding. She is a bigger person than I. I have forgiven my childhood bully, but have no inter-

est in renewing the friendship, despite Facebook attempts to contact me.

It is interesting to note that my daughter who always marched to her own drum was accepted by all cliques and groups. So, the idea that students who are bullied are somehow different is certainly not always the reality. We can waste time trying to understand why a student is singled out. Often there is no answer, and there is never an excuse for the bullying.

I wish I could tell you that I learned how to make it better. I must admit that I rejoiced when two of my four graduated from high school so they could make a fresh start. Our family did learn a few things, however. At the end of the day, the efforts that had the greatest impact were those efforts with the goal of developing skills that made my girls resilient when faced with bullying behaviors. This is easier said than done, but ultimately the most important lesson, since bullies have so many opportunities to get at their victims when others aren't watching. And, unfortunately, we encounter different kinds of bullies throughout our lives.

My fight as a mother has subsided. The fight in our schools continues. The anti-bullying campaign is not a one-year initiative. When the doors open for the 2011-2012 school year, the campaign will be front and center again. In CCPS, we have 10 Schools, 1 Commitment...No Bullying on Our Turf.

Dr. Bobbi Johnson, Superintendent Culpeper County Public Schools



Entrepreneurial ENERGY Gareer Partners ...it drives America Inc.

E Squared, in its third successful year, has matured into a business course that is inspiring our high school students and is causing them to think carefully about the future direction of their lives. In a recent survey, over 50% of the E Squared students said that the course had strengthened their resolve to further their education after high school whether they were professionally or technically inclined. In addition, 25% said the course had caused them to reconsider the direction of their future careers. Clearly, E Squared is having a profound impact on many young people's lives -- well over 400 of them since the inception of the program.

E Squared is also attracting attention from outside Culpeper County. A Business Program Specialist with the Virginia Department of Education, while visiting the Semifinals, remarked about E Squared, "There is nothing like it anywhere else in Virginia." Another county has now approached the leadership of E Squared with a view to creating the program in its own school system.

The Culpeper business and school communities can be justly proud of what their collaboration has accomplished. A big thank you to all those sponsors who gave so generously to fund the \$5,000 educational scholarship given to each of the winning team members and to all those in both the school and business communities who gave their time to train. coach and judge these students. It is another excellent example of how Culpeper makes a positive contribution to our young people's lives and to the future of our country.

E Squared's Outstanding 2011 Finals Judges



Sylke Heil, Ed Dalrymple, Joe Daniel, Mike Dale (Moderator), Nancy Cannon, Norm Laudermilch, John Hagee

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